

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 6. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Figure 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

In the December 14, 2004 Office Action, the specification (including the title of the invention and the abstract), claims, and drawings were objected to due to a number of informalities. The applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-8.

In response to the objection to the title of the invention, the applicants have amended the title of the invention to SPINDLE MOTOR AND DISK DRIVE UTILIZING THE SPINDLE MOTOR. This title is the same as that of two other patents owned by the present assignee and which claim similar subject matter (USP 6,836,388 and 6,781,268). Applicants respectfully submit that this title is clearly indicative of the claimed invention.

In response to the objection to the abstract, the applicants have amended the same so as to be less than 150 words.

In response to the objection to the specification and the claims, the applicants have made the suggested corrections to the two minor informalities identified by the Examiner in Paragraphs 0036 and 0037, and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8.

With regard to the objection to apparent absence of reference sign "9" from the drawings, the applicants have identified that the error actually lies with the term "communicating passages 9" in Paragraph 0038, and have amended this term to read "communicating hole 36". Reference sign "36" does appear in the drawings.

With regard to the objection to Figure 6, the applicants have redrawn reference sign "57" to the "head-shifting mechanism". A replacement sheet is attached.

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, applicants believe that the objections to the application have been overcome, and thus the application is in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 which may become due in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-2042.

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